



# Fourth Grade Student Essay Competition



**What makes you proud to live in Indiana?**

**Write an essay and you could be honored at a Statehood Day celebration!**

The Indiana State House Tour Office in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book and the Indiana State Library is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day 2017, a celebration of Indiana's 201st birthday! This year's theme is *Hoosier Pride*. Winners of the *Hoosier Pride* essay contest will be honored at the Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations on Monday, December 11, 2017.

View this information online at: <http://www.in.gov/library/statehood.htm>.

For additional information regarding events planned for Statehood Day, please visit <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2371.htm>.

## Essay contest rules:

- The competition is open to **any Indiana fourth grade** public, private or homeschooled student in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Essays must range from **100 to 300** words, handwritten or typed.
- Essays should be submitted with the following information: **student name, teacher name, school name, school address, school telephone number, and a valid email address** for the teacher or individual **must** be included. Entries without this information will be deemed ineligible. Entries are accepted from schools or individuals.
- **Essays should be reflective of the theme** and convey clear thoughts about the theme, *Hoosier Pride*. The judges will be accepting a broad interpretation of the theme. We celebrated Indiana's Bicentennial last year and call the state our home. ***What makes you proud to live in Indiana? Is there something special about your city or community that makes you proud to live there?***
- **Mailed essays must be postmarked by Friday, October 20, 2017.**  
Indiana Center for the Book  
Indiana State Library  
140 N. Senate Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46204
- Entries may also be emailed to **icb@library.in.gov** by 5:00 PM Oct. 20, 2017
- A panel of judges will choose **first, second, third, and fourth** place winners.

**The winners, along with their class, will be invited to read his or her essay at one of the four participating locations on December 11 for Indiana's 201st Statehood Day.**

